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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6498**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1107

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 1, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 31, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Preventative Programs for At-Risk Children.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Richardson

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Buck

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

- (1) Provides that a juvenile court may create a voluntary preventative program for at-risk children (program).
- (2) Allows a court to appoint program staff and an early intervention advocate to implement, coordinate, and carry out the purposes of the program.
- (3) Requires that staff and early intervention advocates who are likely to work with children undergo a criminal history background check.
- (4) Provides procedures for program staff and early intervention advocates participating in a program.
- (5) Provides civil and criminal immunity to a person who: (a) requests that a child participate in a program; (b) provides information concerning a child to program staff or an early intervention advocate; or (c) participates in a plan for an at-risk child in a program.
- (6) Specifies that, subject to the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect, no information received under the program by staff or an early intervention advocate may be used against the child in a civil or criminal matter.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Summary:* This bill may potentially increase local expenditures to the extent (1) a juvenile court elects to create a voluntary preventative program for at-risk

children, and (2) the court elects to assign an early intervention advocate to youth involved in at-risk programming. The costs of creating voluntary preventative programs for at-risk children and assigning early intervention to at-risk children are unknown and will depend on the decision of the local juvenile court. Total increases in local expenditures are indeterminable.

(Revised) Additional Information:

Under the bill, juvenile courts are authorized to create voluntary preventative programs for at-risk children. Local expenditures may increase to the extent juvenile courts elect to implement voluntary preventative programs for at-risk children which require additional local funding. Actual increases are unknown and depend on the decisions of local juvenile court administrators.

Additionally, the bill allows a juvenile court to assign an early intervention advocate for a youth who is participating in a preventative program for at-risk children. Depending on how these early intervention advocates are selected by the juvenile courts (volunteers, paid staff, or by contract), local expenditures and/or workload may increase. Actual increases in expenditures and/or workload are indeterminable.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Juvenile courts.

**Information Sources:**

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